

HOUSE RESOLUTION 317
By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joe David Garner.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Joe David Garner; and

WHEREAS, a native of the Springfield Community and a long-time resident of Morton, Mississippi, Mr. Garner was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garner served with acumen and alacrity as a Ranch Manager in Rossville, Tennessee, and for ten years as a Park Ranger at Roosevelt State Park, in which positions he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work and his unrelenting dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, he was also a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a Mason; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mr. Garner was an active member of the Springfield Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, also deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Garner always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his son, Norval David Garner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garner enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Ruthie Hawkins Garner, and was the proud father of Charlotte Karcher, Cheryl Morris, and Joe Garner; he was also the grandfather of eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garner leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Joe David Garner, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Garner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.